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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SPECIAL CABINET MEETING, GOG RELEASED
STATEMENT REJECTING CLAIM OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY TO BELIZE,
REITERATING GOG REFUSAL TO ACCEPT UN RES WHICH WOULD
"LIMIT" GUATEMALAN FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE, BUT PROMISING TO
CONTINUE POLICY OF TRYING TO RESOLVE DISPUTE PEACEABLY SO
LONG AS THERE WAS NO "UNILATERAL ACTION" TO GIVE BELIZE
INDEPENDENCE. FONMIN MOLINA REPORTEDLY LEAVING FOR NEW
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YORK MORNING NOV 19. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING SPECIAL CABINET MEETING, NOV 18, GOG
RELEASED FOLLOWING FOUR-POINT PUBLIC DECLARATION:

(A) "GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT LAUGERUD REITERATES THAT
GUATEMALA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY WITH LEGAL AND HISTORICAL
RIGHTS TO THE TERRITORY OF BELIZE;

(B) " THAT THE GOVERNMENT REJECTS ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE
CLAIM OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THIS MATTER;

(C) "THE GOVERNMENT RATIFIES ITS ANNOUNCED POSITION TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS NEITHER COMPETENCE
NOR AUTHORITY TO FIX CONDITIONS FOR GUATEMALA. (GOG)
DOES NOT AND WILL NOT ACCPET ANY RESOLUTION FROM THIS
ORGANIZATION WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER, BECUASE TO
ACCEPT IT WOULD BE TO LIMIT THE FREEDOM OF OUR COUNTRY
IN THE CONDUCT OF SAID NEGOTIATIONS;

(D) "THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE CARRYING OUT ITS
POLICY DESIGNED TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT OVER THE TERRITORY
OF BELIZE THROUGH PEACEFUL PROCEDURES, BUT AGAIN DECLARES
THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY UNILATERAL RESOLUTION (OF THE
DISPUTE) AND THAT IT WILL MAKE USE OF ALL THE ACTIONS
NECESSARY TO REINCORPORATE TO THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY THE
TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY AN EXTRACONTINENTAL POWER.

"FINALLY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC DECLARES THAT HE
RECEIVES WITH EMOTION THE BACKING WHICH HAS BEEN OFFERED
HIM BY CIVIC, POLITICAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND ASSOCIATIONAL
SECTORS OF THE COUNTRY; AT THE SAME TIME HE CALLS ON
ALL GUATEMALANS TO KEEP THEIR PATRIOTIC MORALE STRONG
AND HIGH, AND ASSURES THE ENTIRE NATION THAT ITS
PRESIDENT AND ITS GOVERNMENT WILL NEVER RETREAT IN THE
NATIONAL STRUGGLE TO COMPLY WITH WHAT THE CONSTITUTION
ORDAINS: BELIZE IS GUATEMALAN TERRITORY. BELIZE IS
GUATEMALAN."

2. PRESS NOV 19 SAYS FONMIN MOLINA WILL BE LEAVING
FOR UNGA MORNING NOV 19.
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3. COMMENT: COMMUNIQUE SIGNIFICANT IN TWO RESPECTS:

(A) SPEED AND SHARPNESS WITH WHICH GOG HAS REJECTED
ECHEVERRIA'S REASSERTION OF MEXICAN CLAIM TO BELIZE
PROBABLY MEANS THAT GUATEMALAN-MEXICAN RELATIONS WILL BE
STRAINED FOR SOME TIME TO COME. ANY OFFICIAL GOOD WILL
GENERATED BY ECHEVERRIA TRIP HAS BEEN COMPLETELY

DISSIPATED.

(B) DECLARATION IS LAUGERUD'S STRONGEST PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF GOG INTENTION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATION WITH UK AS LONG AS THERE IS NO "UNILATERAL RESOLUTION", A PHRASE WE INTERPRET TO MEAN NO UNILATERAL UK GRANT OF INDEPENDENCE TO BELIZE.

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